

REMARKS

No claims are amended, canceled, or added; as a result, claims 25-47 remain pending in this application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 25-47 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,356,452 and claims 1-48 of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,182. With respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,356,452, applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b)(iv) is enclosed herewith to obviate these rejections. Applicant makes no admission as to the appropriateness of this rejection and merely files the Terminal Disclaimer to move the application forward in prosecution.

Applicant respectfully traverses the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,671,182. The present application is a divisional of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,182. Accordingly, a double patenting rejection is improper. 35 U.S.C. 121. MPEP 804.01. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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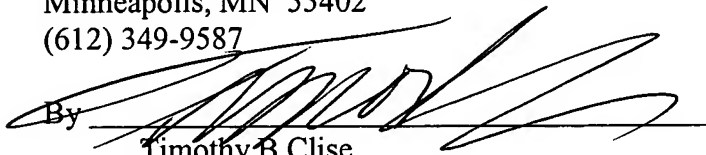
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